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REF: A. MBFR 424; B. MBFR 433; C. BONN 18109 (EXDIS)
D. USNATO 6541

1. THE POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS HAVE BEEN GIVEN FULL
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CONSIDERATION. WHILE WE AGREE THAT ALLIED AIR MANPOWER

REDUCTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED EXPLICITLY AT SOME POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT INTRODUCTION OF THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME IN NATO WOULD REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF GETTING ANY FURTHER AIR MANPOWER PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE NAC FOR THIS SESSION OR EARLY IN THE NEXT. ALLIED REACTION TO OUR AIR MANPOWER PROPOSALS (REF C) CONVINCES US THAT OUR CURRENT PROPOSALS SHOULD BE PRESSED SEQUENTIALLY WITH THE ALLIES, DEFERRING DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ALLIED AIR MANPOWER REDUCTION UNTIL AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMON CEILING ISSUE. FURTHER, WE BELIEVE THAT, ON BALANCE, INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING IS THE BEST WAY TO COVER AIR MANPOWER IN PHASE II; ONCE INTRODUCED INTO THE TALKS, IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMON CEILING.

2. WE ARE SENDING SEPTTEL TO USNATO AN EDITED VERSION OF THE ROLE OF AIR MANPOWER PAPER WHICH YOU REVIEWED, AND WILL AUTHORIZE PRESENTATION OF THIS PAPER.

AS YOU KNOW, THE PAPER ARGUES FOR INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED REDUCTIONS AND LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR CONSIDERATION OF US/SOVIET AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS IN PHASE I. IT LEAVES OPEN THE QUESTION OF ALLIANCE REDUCTIONS SO DOES NOT PREJUDICE YOUR PREFERRED OPTION. WE WILL AUTHORIZE USNATO AND EMBASSIES BONN AND LONDON TO PRESS FOR A DECISION ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS FOR USE IN THIS SESSION BUT AGREE WITH YOU AND USNATO THAT SUCH APPROVAL IS UNLIKELY. INGERSOLL

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